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The wait ends: Elizabeth Kraemer declared UNO Student Government president/regent

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STAFF WRITER

After upholding the grievances filed by UNO Student Government President/Regent Candidate Elizabeth Kraemer, Election Commissioner Josh Wiedman announced Thursday evening that Kraemer and her running mate, Lamar Womble, would serve as the president/regent and vice-president in place of Vince Drieling and Jessica Vincik, the winners of the popular election.

Late Thursday evening, following a special session of the Student Senate and a meeting of the Student Court, Chief Justice Whitney Merz announced that jurisdiction over the controversial 2004 elections had been given to the UNO Election Commission.

In a prepared statement Merz said,



Photo by J. Scott Berger
Elizabeth Kraemer

"Student Court hereby delegates final jurisdiction to the Election Commission regarding conflicts arising during elections. This includes running the election, hearing all grievances and issuing final sanctions including the invalidation of any election results."

The issue was turned over to the Student Court in accordance with the University Constitution. In an address to the Student Senate, Barb Treadway-Janousek, Director of Student Organizations, said that after conferring with University legal counsel, Dick Wood, it was deemed necessary to turn this matter over to the Student Court.

"Dick Wood brought up the fact that the Constitution supersedes all documents," Treadway-Janousek said while explaining the shift to the Senate.

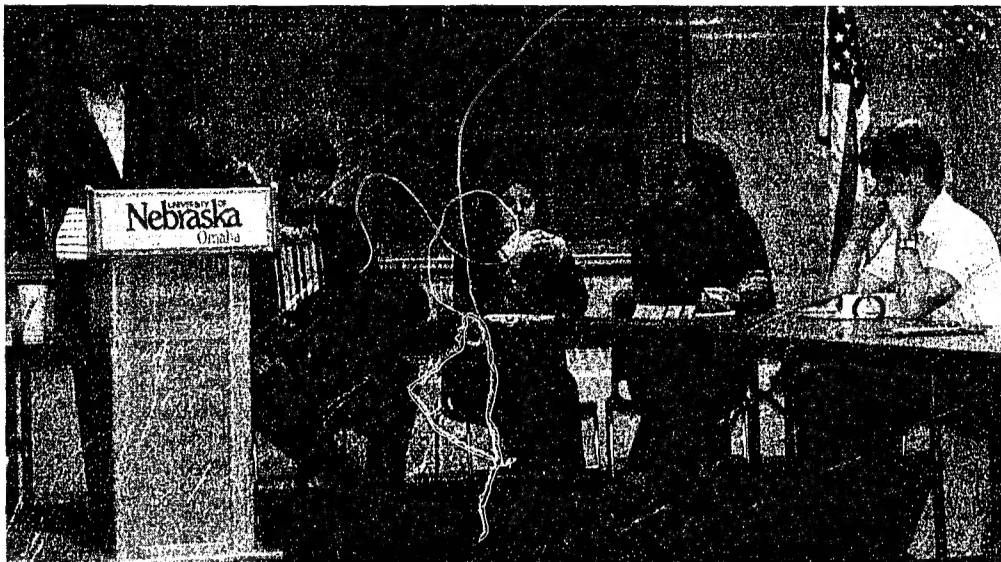
Before the decision was announced, Vincik said that she and her running mate were ready to handle it no matter what the outcome.

She said, "It's very important to support the decision."

Womble also expressed support for the Student Court and the process it undertakes in these circumstances.

"The Student Court is there to uphold the rules," he said. "Obviously, they're the final call."

The final call was to delegate the authority over this issue to the Election Commission, who chose to levy a swift set of consequences that



Student Government Senator Steve Massara addresses the senate during Thursday's special senate meeting.

Angie Sada

evening.

As he also read from a prepared statement, Wiedman said, "Based on the decision of the Student Court, we, the Student Election Commission, uphold our previous ruling and exercise the power to invalidate the ticket of Vince Drieling and Jessica Vincik from the election. And furthermore, Elizabeth Kraemer and Lamar Womble shall be declared the winners."

The controversy harkened back as far as the 2000 National Presidential Election, but struck particularly close to home for current UNO Student Government president/regent Jono

Croskey. Croskey said that he was happy that the whole situation was over because he knew what the candidates went through after having a similar election experience last year.

Student Senate member Vashawn Smith compared the controversy to the Al Gore/George W. Bush race by saying, "UNO is the Florida of Nebraska."

Smith, however, felt that this decision could rock an already divided house to its foundation. Smith expressed concern that this could further divide the Student Senate and could possibly create vacancies throughout the organization.

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UNO Maverick soccer picks up conference title over the weekend



Michelle Bishop

Amber Richardson gets tangled up with North Dakota's Stephanie Rodman during Saturday's championship game.

ANGIE PECK
SPORTS EDITOR

The UNO soccer team picked up its fourth conference title in five years beating North Dakota 2-0, Saturday at Ak-Sar-Ben Field.

On Friday, The Mavericks blew by Minnesota-State, Mankato, 4-1, in the North Central Conference semifinals.

Brandie Beale was arguably the most valuable player for the Mavericks in the NCC tournament, picking up a hat trick in Friday's semifinal and a goal in Saturday's championship game.

Beale struck early in Friday's semifinal game, picking up the first two goals of her hat trick at 8:36 and 14:25 into the half.

At the 35:43 mark, UNO goaltender Ellen Peterson received a red card for a hand-ball foul, eliminating her from the match and forcing the Mavs to play a player short for the rest of the match.

Peterson started the match in place of UNO's normal starter, Amy Price, who underwent nose surgery Monday. Head Coach Don Klosterman selected last year's backup goalie, Jane Splittgerber to defend UNO's goal after Peterson's red card. Splittgerber had not played in goal since last season when she shutout Wayne State on Aug. 30, 2003. This season Splittgerber has been playing forward for the Mavericks.

After allowing a penalty shot goal, Splittgerber settled down, picking up three saves in the 55 minutes she played goalie.

The Mavericks put the final nails into Mankato's coffin with goals from Beth McGill and Beale in the second half of the game.

The Mavs finally avenged last year's NCC semifinal loss to North Dakota Saturday and picked up their fourth NCC championship in five years. North Dakota snapped the Mavs string of three straight NCC titles last year in the NCC semifinals.

The Fighting Sioux had beaten the Mavericks both times the two teams met this year, including a victory at Ak-Sar-Ben Field two weeks ago.

Peterson was ineligible for Saturday's game because of the red card she received on Friday, giving Splittgerber her first start in goal for the season.

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NEWS EDITOR

Scott Technology Center signs agreement with largest U.S. employee-owned engineering company

Science Applications International Corporation announced and signed a formal agreement Nov. 3 to locate its future local growth and expansion within the Scott Technology Center facilities on UNO's south campus. SAIC is the largest employee-owned high performance, research and engineering company in the United States.

At the event, SAIC also announced a special contribution in support of the Strategic Air and Space Museum.

SAIC has annual revenues of more than \$6.7 billion and has more than 44,000 employees at offices in more than 150 cities around the world. It provides information technology and systems integration to commercial and governmental customers, and was also the first corporate partner to reside at the Scott Technology Center.

For more information, call 554-3502.

UNO Library Friends Book Club to meet today

The UNO Library Friends Book Club will meet at noon today in the Milo Bail Student Center's State Room. Debra Anderson, an assistant professor of Social Work at UNO, will lead a discussion of *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America* by Barbara Ehrenreich.

Essayist and cultural critic Ehrenreich decided to do some "good old-fashioned journalism" and find out just how some 12 million women were going to survive on the wages of the unskilled.

ULF Book Club discussions are open to the

general public. Participants are welcome to come early and bring a lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Discounted books for ULF Book Club members are available at The Bookworm in Countryside Village, 8702 Pacific St. For more information, contact Diane Rodhold at 554-3205 or drodhol@mail.unomaha.edu.

CPACS to host panel discussion and book-signing event with David Osborne Wednesday

David Osborne, the co-author of the widely hailed book *Reinventing Government*, will be speaking and taking part in a panel discussion at UNO on Wednesday, with Omaha Mayor Mike Fahey, City of Omaha Finance Director Carol Ebdon and John Bartle, a professor of public administration at UNO. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the W.H. Thompson Alumni Center. B.J. Reed, dean of the UNO College of Public Affairs and Community Service, will serve as moderator.

Osborne is a senior partner of The Public Strategies Group, a consulting firm that helps public organizations develop and implement strategies to improve their performance. He has worked with large and small governments, cities, counties, states, federal agencies and foreign governments. For more information, call 554-3502.

HPER Biomechanics Laboratory to feature Parkinson's Disease presentation Friday

The Health, Physical Education and Recreation Biomechanics Laboratory at UNO will host a presentation by Ruiping Xia on Friday.

Dr. Xia, an assistant professor of physical therapy education at UNMC, will present "Physiological Mechanism of Rigidity in Parkinson's Disease" at 1 p.m. in room 213 at

HPER. The event is free and open to the public.

Dr. Xia received her BS and MS degrees in biomedical engineering from Tianjin University in China and received her Ph.D. in physiology from the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom. Before she joined UNMC, she worked as a research scientist at the Institute of Neurology in Queen Square, London, and as a research associate at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

Her current research is focused on exploring physiological mechanisms underlying altered muscle tone in neurological disorders, such as individuals with Parkinson's disease or with upper motor neuron syndrome. She has previously worked on projects investigating muscle coordination in rhythmic hand movements, and eye-hand coordination in motor tracking tasks.

Her work brings together a variety of disciplines, including special education, biology, engineering, psychology and biomechanics.

For more information, contact Nick Stergiou at 554-3247 or nstergiou@mail.unomaha.edu.

SPO and Student Health Services to host STD Awareness Day Event Nov. 17

The Student Programming Organization at UNO will sponsor an STD Awareness Day Wednesday, Nov. 17. The event, co-sponsored by Student Health Services, will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center's Nebraska Room. It is free and open to the public.

A variety of health centers will be on hand, including SHS, Douglas County Health, The Nebraska AIDS Project, Charles Drew and Planned Parenthood.

Health center vendors will give out free information, speak about their facilities, the types of services

offered and answer questions.

The Nebraska AIDS Project will offer a free 20-minute HIV test.

Food and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Erin Cron with SPO at 554-2711, or Marcia Adler with SHS at 554-2374.

2004-05 Philosophy Colloquia continues Nov. 19 with Carson Holloway

The 2004-05 Philosophy Colloquia Series at UNO will continue Friday, Nov. 19, with a lecture by Carson Holloway. He will present "Aristotle's Magnanimous Man and Shakespeare's Coriolanus" at 2:30 p.m. in Arts and Sciences Hall, room 239. The event is free and open to the public. A reception will follow in ASH, room 205.

Dr. Holloway is an assistant professor of political science at UNO. He is the author of *All Shook Up: Music, Passion, and Politics*. He has been the book review editor of *The Catholic Social Science Review* since 2000. He has served as panel organizer for the Society for Greek Political Thought since 2001 for the Midwest Political Science Conventions. His research and teaching interests include political philosophy, American political thought, comparative politics and politics and the life sciences.

The Philosophy Colloquia Series is sponsored by the UNO Department of Philosophy and Religion.

For more information, contact Kathy Cox Schwartz at 554-2628 or philosophy@unomaha.edu.

Editor-in-chief Kimberly Bryant contributed to this report.

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"My biggest thing is that there's going to be a rift in the Senate. There's going to be a rift in Student Government," Smith said. "It's going to cause sides. So now when we need to write a resolution, I think there's going to be backlash, especially if it's a good resolution. (It could be) something that's great for the students, and somebody from the committee that you've got to pass it through knows that you were for the other

side and they're going to say no."

Saying that it seemed rushed and excessively punitive, Smith maintained that this decision could serve to disenfranchise student voters, as well.

"To totally discount them (the results) and kick them (Drieling and Vindik) out after the students, not once but twice, voted them in, I truly believe that's a disservice to the student body," said Smith. In the end, Smith said, "the punishment did not fit the crime."

Smith did note that he's glad something was done—the setting of a precedent. Smith feels that no one will be able to work around grievances like Kraemer's by claiming ignorance as a defense.

"Now you

have a precedent. If they didn't punish them (Drieling and Vindik) at all, next year or years down the road when somebody did something wrong, all they'd have to say is 'I didn't know.'"

Croskey said that he felt like a lesson was learned from this election.

"Every year we learn a little bit more and more (in regards to the election)," Croskey said. He also noted that candidates and their agents "have to know all the information about all the election rules."

After sharing a hug with Womble following Wiedman's announcement, Kraemer expressed relief that the wait was over and an eagerness to attend to the business of student government. "It's unfortunate, but nonetheless I'm really excited to represent the student body."

Smith echoed that sentiment saying, "I just hope the Student Senate can get past this. You know, put their biases aside and say 'Ok, we've got to come together for the student body.'"

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Letters to the editor:

Dear Editor:

In 1969, John Lennon released "Give Peace a Chance." Ever since the release of this anthem, many anti-war groups and individual activists have made use of the phrase, "Give peace a chance."

Peace, a.k.a. pacifism, has been given a chance, and it has failed to make the world a better place. Excessive reliance on diplomacy, and appeasement of dangerous regimes, have only caused suffering and terror to increase around the world.

The correct alternative to pacifism is a willingness to fight for freedom in places like Afghanistan and Iraq.

As President Bush has stated so eloquently:

"Our country was created in the name and cause of freedom. And if the self-evident truths of our founding are true for us, they

are true for all. As a people dedicated to civil rights, we are driven to defend the human rights of others. We are the nation that liberated continents and concentration camps...We are the nation that ended the oppression of Afghan women, and we are the nation that closed the torture chambers of Iraq."

President Bush has ended the cut-and-run policies of past administrations. Even Ronald Reagan, who deserves credit for ending the Cold War, set a bad precedent when he chose to cut and run from Lebanon.

Much could be said about the cause of freedom, but let's not overcomplicate the issue. All I'm saying is, "Give democracy a chance."

Dan Uphoff
UNO College Republican

Dear Editor:

I am quite pleased with Anne Kim's (KRT campus) article, "Statistics don't tell the whole story of young Asian-American voters" in a recent edition of *The Gateway*.

As a Japanese-American student who has studied the intricacies of the pan-Asian experience both abroad and in the United States, I found Kim's article both informative and refreshing because it lucidly portrays the complexity of Asian people's political role in America, without reverting to trite generalizations or stereotypes that inappropriately depict Asians as apathetic, irresponsible, nationalistic or passive citizens. Furthermore, unlike many commentaries that dehumanize or romanticize Asian

cultures and peoples, Kim addresses why many Asians are at odds with their role in American politics or uncertain of their political ideologies.

It is a balanced and well-written article that debunks commonly held stereotypes about Asian people, as well as provides the non-Asian reader with objective explanations as to why many Asians inadvertently or purposefully choose not to vote.

Finally, this article is a wake-up call for young Asians to be civic-minded, as well as to take responsibility for their destinies through active political participation in a racially bipolar society.

Rachel Endo
UNO Graduate Student

Dear Editor:

We appreciated Ryan Joneson's focus on GALO in "UNO organizations promote understanding and diversity" (*Gateway*, Oct. 22, 2004). When we attempt to understand and learn from the diversity offered at a metropolitan university like UNO, we all win. However, we'd like to offer some clarifications.

In his opening line, Joneson states "[h]omosexuality is a lifestyle that is greatly misunderstood in American culture." Homosexuality is not a lifestyle; it is a sexual orientation. "Jet setting" is a lifestyle. Spending a week in the Bahamas and a week in Aspen and a week on the French Riviera is evidence of a wealthy lifestyle. Living in a gated community is a lifestyle. Saying homosexuality is a lifestyle is as absurd as saying heterosexuality is a lifestyle. A straight minimum wage earner struggling to provide for her family has a vastly different lifestyle than a straight, successful investment banker earning a seven-figure salary. Moreover, most Americans in the LGBT community prefer the terms "lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender" (hence the abbreviation LGBT) to describe their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Likewise, Joneson described the crowd at UNO's National Coming Out Day Rally on Oct. 11, as "homosexuals from UNO's faculty and student population as well as the community" who came to show support. Lesbian,

gay, bisexual, transgender and straight individuals were in attendance at UNO's NCOD Rally to show their support for the LGBT community.

Joneson also refers to the Safe Zone program. The terms used on the pink and white signs are also referred to as "Safe Space" or "Lugar Seguro" and a person posting that safe space sign is not necessarily a member of the LGBT community but often a straight LGBT ally.

Finally, Joneson's article overlooked the contributions that UNO staff members make to create a safe and welcoming place for all students. He said that faculty and students participated in the Safe Space program, but it's also true that many UNO staff members participate in Safe Space. UNO staff members also participated in the NCOD Rally.

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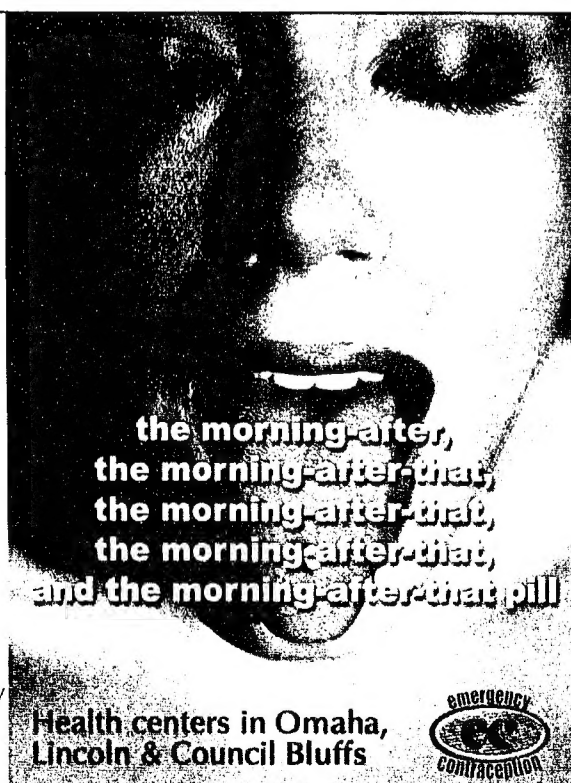
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Dear Editor:

The article "Stealing America without a fight," by Melanie Williams from the Oct. 26 issue of *The Gateway* pitches fear, conspiracy and mistruths about the President. She describes a Bush Family Dynasty that is in cahoots with Osama Bin Laden, does not desire democracy, exploits our election and attacks our country's democracy. She continues on to list several more of her opinions on the president.

The Bush Family Dynasty, of which Melanie speaks, is a series of family members that have dedicated their lives to America (as president, ambassador, head of CIA, governor, soldier and more) and have had such tremendous success in our capitalistic society that it evokes resentment in some, such as Melanie. To say that they are associated with the Saudi Royalty simply means that they have served as President, because it is simple fact that American presidents in recent decades have been close to the Saudi Royalty. This holds true for the Bush family more than prior presidents in part due to the family's ability to continually be supported and elected by the American people (Bush family members have been on the winning presidential ticket four of the last six elections and counting). Also, is it just me or is it a bit odd for someone who

attaches herself to the party of George Soros, MoveOn.org, Dan Rather, CNN, etc. to be criticizing Rupert Murdoch's power and influence?

She then criticizes Bush for actions taken over 20 years ago. Instead of criticizing, she should embrace the president for "flip-flopping" on his actions and beliefs, for that seems to be a characteristic of Kerry that she and the democrats adore.

She says Bush avoided the war by joining the military. That alone is a hard thought process to follow, but such an issue shouldn't bother Melanie considering her very own Bill Clinton is an admitted draft dodger (and I guess he wasn't smart enough to realize that the key to avoiding war is joining the military, as Bush did). She claims that Bush has failed at all business ventures. She must be discounting his stint as the owner of the Texas Rangers, during which time he built a new stadium and turned an investment of a few hundred thousand dollars into a few million dollars. Sound like a failure to you?

The man that can't speak English, according to Melanie, has a bachelor's from Yale and a master's from Harvard, two schools well known for producing illiterate people! The last and most disturbing comment was when she claimed that Bush invoked the word "terrorists" for ratings. I would love to see her say this to the families of the over 3,000 people who were brutally and tragically murdered on September 11. I suppose they too would agree that the concept of "terrorists" was simply invoked by Bush. The article was simply laced with deceit and lies, and would make Michael Moore proud, a man that can be quoted by saying that there is no terrorist threat!

Jason Patera

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Twenty questions for the UNO student

CRYSTAL R. REID
FEATURES EDITOR



Name: Drew Christensen
Major: Political Science
Hometown: Omaha, Neb.

1. Describe yourself in five words. "Side show performer, unique, activist, entertaining, lazy."

2. What are you most proud of accomplishing and why? "Being a side show performer."

3. What would you change about yourself? "I'd like to be more self-motivated."

4. What do you want to be when you grow up? "Constitutional lawyer or a sideshow performer."

5. Where do you see yourself in 10 years? "With the Coney Island freak show."

6. What's in your CD player right now? "Genitorturers."

7. Greatest band/performer of all time? "Johnny Cash."

8. Greatest movie of all time and why? "Killer Clowns from Outer Space."

9. Who did you vote for in the election? "Voted for Kerry."

10. Why? "Because I don't like a lot of Bush's policies and there's a lot better representation out there."

11. What do you feel were the major issues in the presidential campaign? "Not moving more towards the center, to issues that affect the swing voter and not being so socially minded."

12. Did you vote for or against gambling in Nebraska? "I voted against it, because I'm a compulsive person, so I'd end up gambling. It takes away a lot of local jobs and sends a lot of money to Nevada."

13. What would you do to change the world? "Be president, fix all the problems that are out there. Stimulate the economy, help the environment and fix Bush's mistakes."

14. Who would win in a fight between Batman and Superman (why)? "Batman would win because he has the awesome utility belt with all of those gadgets."

15. What would you change about UNO and why? "Get more people involved, with a lot of things that might interest more people as opposed to a select few. Bring in bands and stuff."

16. Why did you choose UNO? "Because it's close and cheap and such a good school."

17. What advice would you give to incoming freshman? "Study hard, do your homework, have fun."

18. Anything you'd like to say to your professors? "No."

19. Are you for or against cosmetic surgery? "For. It's people's choice, it's their life. They should be happy with it."

20. What question would you like us to ask the next student profiled? "Should they sell cigarettes on campus?"

Darker, solid colors make a hot statement for fall hair

ALEX MAY
STAFF WRITER

Hair is your best accessory, wear it with pride.

How true. When you think about fashion and making a statement, do you ever really factor your hair into the equation? That is just one of many important things I learned on my visit to T'eez, a Thomas Sena Salon at One Pacific Place, to get the latest hair trends from stylist Tremain Gardner.

A good general rule to follow with hair is to change your hair with the seasons. So when you see the leaves changing in the fall it's time to go maybe a little darker, or add some more texture.

"Right now we're seeing a big move towards more solid colors," Gardner said.

The colors we see in nature right now—the rusts, chestnuts, and deep reds—are the hot colors for fall. Instead of the highlighting we've been seeing for so long, stylists are going more solid with color, and making it multi-dimensional. For guys, only very natural colors are added and only to give texture to the cut.

As far as styling goes, the unfinished look is big. Now is the time to show off your natural texture. Curls are hot, and a lot of people are even getting—and I know this may be shocking—perms. Not the big perms of the past mind you, but loose and wavy body perms. Gardner even insists that a little frizz is okay as we get away from the straight, straight look.

"We were all about flat ironing, now there's a noticeable shift from that. It's all about getting caught in the act of being yourself," Gardner said.

Guys are going longer with their hair, and as Gardner cautioned, "Any male over 18 (years old) is not to get a clipper hair cut."

The shear-over-comb look for trimming looks more mature and more hip. Gardner also seems to have an aversion to hair gel, saying, "Gel is so 80's you might as well buy a Trans-Am."

I won't be quite so blunt, and there's nothing wrong with Trans-Am's, but the guy does have a point. Now if I could

only get that through to my little brother (who is still in the crusty hair stage and quickly going through all my best hair products!)

Finally, if you want to change your look more drastically, there are hair extensions. You can add length

the weekend, depending on what you want. Glue-ins can get you the look for a night or two and cost a lot less than either sew-in extensions or the Great Lengths extensions (which happen to be my new obsession. Mark my words, they will be mine! www.greatlengths.com)

Personally, I love fall. It is definitely my favorite season, the season of layering, going to the pumpkin patch and getting my hair low-lighted. Go out and make a change for yourself. I know I always feel better after a nice trip to the salon. But, whatever you do, and Gardner was adamant about this one, "Always seek professional help when coloring your hair."

Want me to write about something

specific, or know of any interesting fashion happenings around town? Please let me know! ammay@mail.unomaha.edu.



Stylist Tremain Gardner of T'eez, a Thomas Sena Salon, applies hair extensions to a customer's hair.

Alex May

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WISH YOU WERE THERE

MINISTRY

REVIEW BY JOSH BASHARA
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Old-school industrial/punk outfit Ministry tore the Royal Grove in Lincoln apart last Friday night, reclaiming its status among many as the pioneer of guitar-driven industrial rock.

It was the first time in as long as this writer can remember that the band playing anywhere near Omaha, aside from a gig at the now-defunct Peony Park, which was years ago.

German electro-metal band Hanzel und Gretel opened the show to a nearly sold-out crowd. Hanzel und Gretel has been around

to go up next—My Life With the Thrill Kill Kult—had cancelled its set. There were quite a few people pissed-off about this, because many of them had come mainly to see MLWTKK.

And so it was up to Ministry to make or break the show. And they made it, only like Ministry could.

Opening with the politically-charged "No W," the band unleashed a torrent of gritty, sample-heavy, guitar-driven metal-punk that got even the beer-drinkers in the back of the venue off their cans.

A lot of the crowd's enthusiasm was probably due to the fact that most of these people probably hadn't seen Ministry in years, if even at all.

So it was no surprise to me that the crowd patiently—and happily—waited out a slew of songs from the new album until we finally got to hear some of that old crap that

we know and love.

"N.W.O." from *Psalms 69* infused the crowd with a surprising amount of energy. Fists pumped the air in unison and old-schoolers shouted along with Al Jourgensen's trademark biker voice.

Towards the end of the set, he even busted out "Supernaut," an old Black Sabbath song that has been covered by a variety of Ministry incarnations over the years.

At the end of the set, the crowd was still as energetic as ever, and insisted the band come back for an encore. And so Ministry did—*three times*, to be exact.

A great band and a great crowd are the two vital elements for the perfect show, and this one was damn near perfect. If Thrill Kill hadn't dropped off the bill at the last moment, this might have been the best concert Lincoln has seen in years.



Josh Williamson

Al Jourgensen of Ministry belts it out during the band's Saturday night concert at Lincoln's Royal Grove.

for quite some time, but the band was virtually unheard of since 1997's *Timsumissions From Unmus*, a techno-laden sci-rock record in the vein of Oxy. *Timsumissions* is the only HuG album I've ever owned, so I wasn't really prepared for what I heard blasting out of the venue's speakers when I walked in and saw the band onstage.

Simply put, HuG has gotten harder. A lot harder. What was once a tongue-in-cheek sci-rock band has now turned into an industrial-metal band capable of riling up the entire Ministry crowd better than I've seen an opening band do in a long time. In fact, the way the crowd was reacting to some of the songs of HuG's new album, *Schismessicht*, you might not have been able to even tell that these people were here to see Ministry.

Unfortunately, the opener slated

CD reviews

SOMMER LEINBACH
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Decent Days and Nights The Futureheads (Sire Records)

I'm a bit biased right from the beginning because I love Brit-punk very much. The Futureheads have a distinctive retro feel; sometimes getting silly, sometimes being quite serious. The band wears its



influences on its sleeve, but it doesn't matter how obvious its role models were. The Futureheads are so much fun to listen to.

The Futureheads have been favored by the indie crowd for some time now, but *Decent Days and Nights* will give the band just enough mainstream fame to get it touring without upsetting its cult-like fans. The ridiculously danceable "Carnival Kids" and lose-control jerky punk sound of "Le Garage," "The City is Here For You to Use" and "Meantime" are surprisingly reminiscent of long ago '80s punk favorites out of Manchester.

The bottom line: The Futureheads are wonderful, talented and fun like every Brit-pop-punk

indie masterminds ought to be. You couldn't pry this CD from my cold dead hands.

What You Want The John Butler Trio (Lava Records)

What You Want makes you feel like you're coming down from an incredibly unpleasant night and all you want to do is lock your door, fix yourself a drink and turn on the music. John Butler has reached down somewhere inside the collective soul of the world and found the soft, bruised place and turned it into track after track of smoky music. The full-length album won't follow this EP until the spring of 2005, but what a tantalizing teaser of an EP!

Likened to the great Ben Harper, Butler spins a web of rock, jazz and funk, never trying too hard, just leaning back and rocking down



into the dirty dusty places of music inside everyone.

The bottom line: You don't argue with an album that debuted at No. 1 on the charts with it being the first time an Australian artist was able to do that.

The Spell of Retribution The Chasm (Wicked World/

Earache Records)

The Chasm has charmed and seduced the underground death metal scene for many years now, but only recently has it been picked up by a major label, giving it the opportunity to seep into every corner of the metal scene. The *Spell of Retribution* opens up with an irresistible, beautifully-produced instrumental track, "From the Curse; a Scourge..." which hypnotizes you with its warm, raw and dark guitar riffs.

The second track, "The Omnipotent Codex," touches a



bit on Rammstein's more popular sound, without treading far from their dark, sweet style. As far as death metal goes, it isn't for everyone, but regardless, the talent of this particular band is almost indescribable.

The bottom line: The songs are very lengthy and at times, bleed into each other without any clear and distinct transition. The music is something that could easily be found in a number of dance clubs down the East Coast and are easily beloved. The underground metal scene will think the rest of us are a bit slow since they've known about The Chasm for the last decade.

Little Brazil CD release show at Sokol Underground Nov. 13

SARAH LEGG
COPY EDITOR

For most UNO students, juggling school and work is hard enough, not to mention trying to maintain a social life. Greg Edds, a junior at UNO, does all of these things plus one: touring with his band, Little Brazil, during the school year.

Earlier this semester, Little Brazil went on tour through the Midwest to the East Coast, causing Edds to miss more than two weeks of classes.

Skipping two weeks in most classes would result in a failing grade and undoubtedly bad feelings from professors.

"Luckily," said Edds, "I was blessed with having very supportive teachers this semester. (On) the first day of classes, I tried to make my presence known to the teachers and instructors and let them know that I would be missing a handful of classes for the tour." With a little persuasion from Edds, including free CDs, his teachers agreed to help him out.

Little Brazil has been around since 2002 changing members a few times to form its current lineup. Edds plays guitar in the band along with



courtesy photo

Little Brazil is (from left), Oliver Morgan, Greg Edds, Landon Hedges and Danny Maxwell. The Omaha natives will release their first full-length album, *You and Me*, on Saturday at the Sokol Underground.

Oliver Morgan on drums, Danny Maxwell on bass and singer Landon Hedges, who may be recognized from his former bands, Desaparecidos and The Good Life.

"We had some extremely well-received shows in New York, D.C. and Wisconsin," said Edds. Along with those well-received shows, Little Brazil had good music reviews in large publications including the *New York Times*.

Little Brazil will release their

first full-length album, *You and Me*, on Mt. Fuji Records, with their CD release show at Sokol Underground. Their title-track, "You and Me," has received airplay from local radio. The band's current Web site is at <http://www.mtfujirecords.com>, with a new site coming soon.

Check out Little Brazil's CD release show at Sokol Underground, 13th and Martha Streets, this Saturday, Nov. 13, with Someday Stories and Latitude Longitude.

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On The Beat

BRENT CRAMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Update on after-hours at Eden

The new after-hours event at Club Eden kicked off last weekend. Thanks to the Omahanightlife.com limo bus stopping by, the party was alive and kicking. "The Temple of Eden" is set to take place every Saturday night from 1 a.m. to 4 a.m. at Club Eden (15th and Hamer Streets). The promoters for this event—Nymph Records and HLN—are booking local electronic DJs to lay down tricks and tracks with genres such as house, breaks, techno, trance and every sub genre in-between.

With an 18-and-over age limit and a \$5 cover charge, one would think the type of crowd that usually goes to The Run (another after-hours establishment) would be the demographic that would come to the "Temple" events. So far, it has attracted a post-Bar-415 crowd instead. But the amount of dub and bar goers that are interested in an after-hours spot are rather few. In order for this event to stay afloat, they definitely need to find that 18-to-20 demographic that is just bursting with hormones to release on the dance floor.

This Saturday, the promoters are bringing more sound with guest DJs:

Mattman with upfront and banging hard house, Blac playing drum and bass and MC Mickey-D laying down the vocal flow and Sauce with drum machines, cfx boxes and whatever other instruments he has to make live electronic music. Check out nymphrecords.com for more information.

More deep house for Omaha

Having reached 804,000 Web site hits during the month of October, the owners of Ultramusique.com are optimistic that they'll reach a million hits in one month before the end of the year. They're also optimistic about their new event, "My Way," at Velvet Lounge (7653 Cass St.). Every Thursday night for the month of November, UltraMusique.com will be booking live DJs from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with absolutely no cover charge.

The music won't be your stereotypical "techno." Imagine jazz-tinged baselines, trumpet riffs, and rhythmically percussive deep house tracks that will be perfect for soothing the soul or letting the body unwind through dance. With an intimate lounge atmosphere and \$5 martinis, check out this night before the month-long event wraps up. For more information, check out www.ultramusique.com.

The Cheap Choice

COMPILED BY SOMMER LEINBACH
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Omaha piano duo to perform at First Unitarian Church Nov. 19

The First Unitarian Church, 3114 Hamer St., premieres its newly refurbished sanctuary with a performance by Vicky Sedlacek and Ted Price, an Omaha piano duo. They will perform "Mostly Dances," two arrangements from *The Wizard of Oz* and Robert Kurka's "Dance Suite." A reception will follow the program in the historic church's common room. The show will run Nov. 19 starting at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, but a donation of \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students and \$5 for children is suggested. For more information, call 345-3039.

Last Comic Standing star at the Funny Bone Nov. 17-19

The hilarious **Ralphie May** from NBC's *Last Comic Standing* will perform at **The Funny Bone**, 705 N. 114th St., from Nov. 17-19. May has been given extraordinary chances over the past year to perform on the USO Tour in Iraq and Afghanistan, guest-star on NBC's "Whoopi" and headline in Las Vegas. Tickets are \$17 for Wednesday and Thursday performances and \$20 on Friday. Show times are as follows: Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., Thursday at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., and Friday at 6:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. with the 6:30 p.m. performance being for an 18-and-over audience only. For tickets, call 493-8036.

The Moving Company and Omaha Public Library present "Salon 2004" Nov. 19

Combining dance and written word, **The Moving Company** and the **Omaha Public Library** bring "Salon 2004: An Evening of Dance, Discussion, Dessert & More" to UNO on Nov. 19. The salon was developed to bring different sections of the community together for one performance. The dance

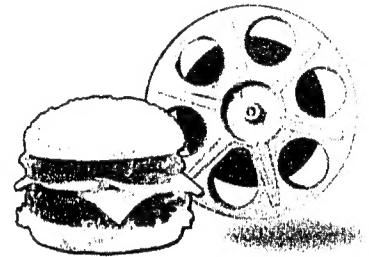
interpretations will be from two texts: *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury and *Feathers and Fools* by Mem Fox. Ticket prices are as follows: Salon seating is \$10, chairs are \$8 and bleachers are \$5 per person. The UNO Dance Lab is located on the second floor of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation building on the UNO campus. Call 554-2670 for more information.

Wonder of the World running through Dec. 5 at the Omaha Community Playhouse

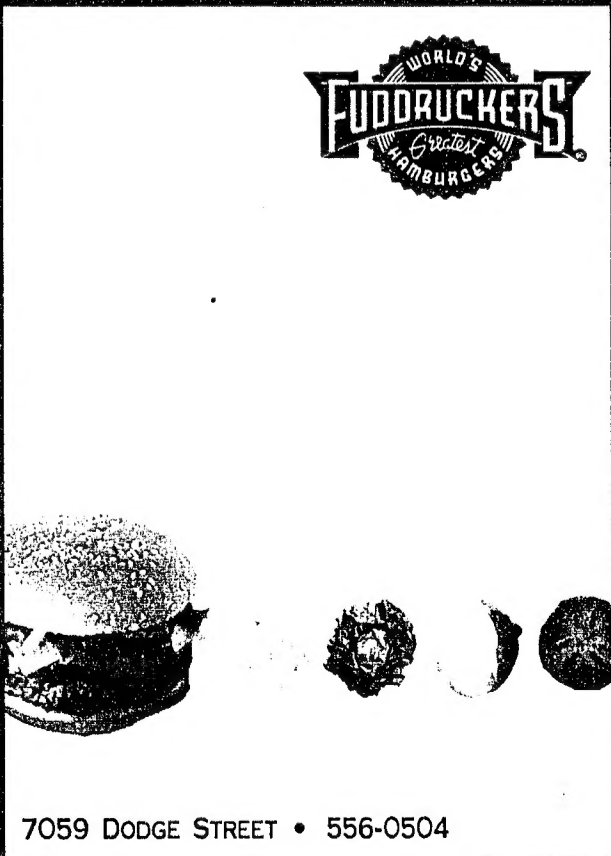
The Omaha Community Playhouse, 6515 Cass St., presents the premier of **David Lindsay-Abaire's *Wonder of the World***, running through Dec. 5. This contemporary comedy is about Cass, a young wife who discovers something very strange in her husband's sweater drawer. After the discovery, she packs her bags and heads for Niagara Falls with a list of things to do in life. Her journey is one of self-discovery that includes a clever cast of characters. Ticket prices are \$23 for adults and \$14 for students on Sundays and Thursdays, and \$26 for adults and \$16 for students on Fridays and Saturdays. *Wonder of the World* contains adult material and is

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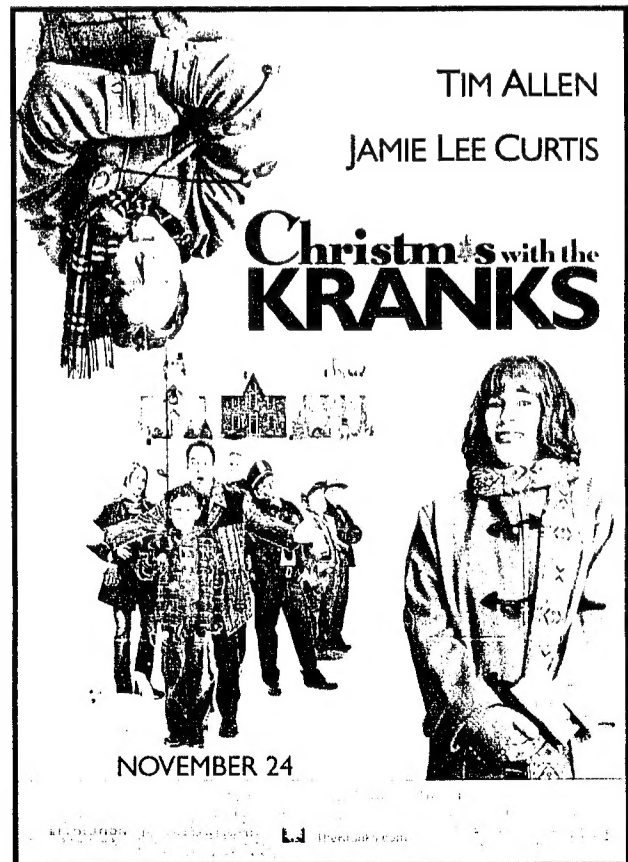
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IN THEATERS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH!

Final football game of the 2004 season ends with a loss for UNO

ANGIE PECK
SPORTS EDITOR

A trap game is a bad way to end the season, unfortunately for the UNO Mavericks, its final game of the 2004



Jeremy Anderson returns a kick during a recent game.

football season was against 5-5 Minnesota State-Mankato. UNO needed a win or a South Dakota loss to win the NCC championship title outright. The Mankato Mavericks picked up a late touchdown to put away the UNO Mavericks 20-13.

South Dakota fell to North Dakota 41-21 Saturday, making UNO the outright NCC champion. If South Dakota had defeated North Dakota and split the NCC

title with UNO then UNO would have been on its way to the NCAA Division II playoffs instead of North Dakota.

The UNO Mavericks became the first outright conference champions to not make it to the DII playoffs since South Dakota in 1978. The top six teams in each of four regions qualify. UNO, 8-3 overall and 5-1 in the NCC, was ranked No. 4 in the region before Saturday's loss.

UNO took the early 3-0 lead in Saturday's game with an Andy Severson 27-yard field goal but MSU countered with a 27-yarder from

Ryan Caperoon with two minutes left in the first quarter.

With a little over five minutes left in the first half, MSU fullback Dan Smedberg rushed 16 yards on third and two, putting MSU ahead 10-3. The 16-yard touchdown run capped off an 80 yard, eight play MSU drive.

UNO quickly drove 74 yards in a nine-play drive ending with a Jamar Day

two-yard touchdown run to tie the game at 10 just before halftime.

Late in the third quarter, Day ended a 57-yard drive late in the third quarter with a fumble after picking up a first down at the MSU 30. MSU's Nick Wilson recovered the ball at the 24-yard line.

The fumble resulted in a 15-play MSU drive ending with a Caperoon 47-yard wind-aided field goal to give the MSU Mavericks a 13-10 lead. MSU had driven to the UNO 22 but quarterback Ben King was sacked for a 17-yard loss by Antwain Woods and MSU had to settle for the field goal.

UNO was forced to punt from the MSU 42 on its next possession, but Don Grafton's kick bounced off MSU's Wilson and was recovered by UNO's Jarad Kness at the Minnesota State 10. UNO had to settle for the field goal, after two incomplete passes and a one-yard run from Day, Severson's 26-yard kick into the wind to tie the game at 13.

Sean Treasure carried eight times for 49 yards and caught one pass for 10 yards in the 11-play, 72-yard drive before scoring the winning touchdown.

MSU outgained UNO 435-271 for the game and controlled the ball for 36:13. UNO's Brian Masek completed 13 of 30 passes for 172 yards. Chris Denney caught nine for 166 yards, both career-highs for the junior from Norfolk. Day was held to his lowest total since becoming a starter, carrying 24 times for 81 yards. Day set a UNO record with his 17th touchdown of the season and Masek set the career mark for career total offense, moving to 6,552 yards.



David Slaughter celebrated during a recent game.

Volleyball falls in home game finale to St. Cloud State

ANGIE PECK
SPORTS EDITOR



Members of the Maverick volleyball team cheer on their teammates during Saturday's game against St. Cloud State.

St. Cloud State spoiled the final home match of the season for the Mavericks on Saturday night, beating UNO 3-1 (26-30, 31-29, 30-22, 30-21) at Sapp Fieldhouse.

The match was the final home appearance for the Mavericks four seniors: Julia McConahay, Amy McLeay, Jenny Rankin and Andrea Wegner.

The Mavericks just missed leading the match 2-0. UNO had a 29-28 lead in the second game when Christie Johnson was serving for the Mavericks, but St. Cloud State was able to pick up three straight points. Two of the points were from coming off of Jamie Schlagel's kills, and the third off an attack error by McLeay.

Andrea Wegner, who made her first start of the 2004 season, finished with eight kills and a match-high .467 hitting percentage with only one error in 15 attempts.

Heather Hainline hit .440 with 14 kills to pace the Mavericks. Three other Mavericks picked up double-digits in kills in the match, Ashley Freeman (13), Rankin (11) and McLeay

(11). Johnson recorded a double-double with 55 assists and 10 digs in the loss.

Defensively the Mavericks were lead by Chelsea Miller who notched 18 digs.

The Huskies (18-10, 7-4 NCC) were led in the match by freshman Kristi Pangrac, who registered 15 kills and hit .429. Junior Angie Mayers added 14 kills and two blocks and sophomore Lindsay Gothe recorded a double-double with 10 kills and 17 digs.

The Mavericks (15-9, 5-5 NCC) will travel

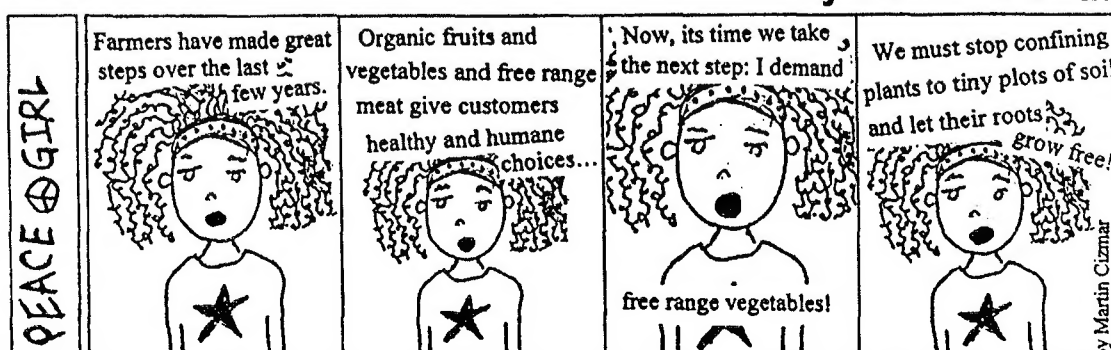


Ashley Freeman and Jenny Rankin block the ball hit by St. Cloud State's Angie Mayers during Saturday's game.

to Duluth, Minn. on Friday to take on ninth-ranked Minnesota Duluth beginning at 7 p.m. at Romano Gymnasium.

Peace Girl

by Martin Cizmar



Maverick Hockey gets swept away by Alaska Fairbanks during play on Friday and Saturday

ANGIE PECK
SPORTS EDITOR

The Alaska Fairbanks Nanooks became the first team to sweep the Mavericks in a two-game series, 3-1 on Friday and 3-2 on Saturday.

The Carlson Center is to UNO what kryptonite is to Superman. UNO is 0-10-4 at the Carlson Center since beginning play against the Nanook's in 1998. UNO ventured to Alaska to take on UAF in a two game series Friday and Saturday, and came out just as the Mavericks have every other time they have ventured to the Carlson Center.

In Friday's contest, the Mavericks rattled off three shots in the first ninety seconds of the game, and out shot Fairbanks 8-0 in the first seven minutes of play. However, they were unable to get the puck past rookie goalie Wylie Rogers.

The game remained scoreless with about forty seconds left in the second period. UAF's Jason Grinevitch centered a pass to the

well-placed Adam Powell, who shot it right past UNO's Joe Grimaldi and goalie Chris Holt.

The October Rookie of the Month, Bill Thomas, ruined Rogers' chances to pick up his second shutout of the season with a power play goal halfway through the final stanza. Thomas ripped a rebound shot right past Rogers after Kaleb Betts' shot bounced off the post at the 10:46 mark, bringing the Mavericks within one. UAF's Kyle Greentree scored the go-ahead goal at 18:17 in the final period.

Holt stopped 40 of the 43 shots fired at him whereas Rogers stopped 32 of 33.

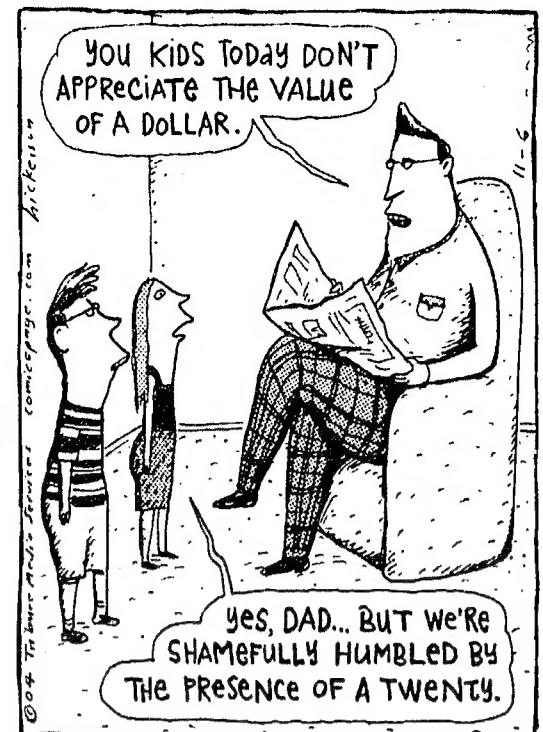
Saturday's game started out similar to Friday's game, with both goalies holding their ground in the first period. UAF's drew first blood—a second after a UAF power play expired, Ryan McLeod shot from the right circle beating Holt on the glove side. Two minutes later, UAF's Curtis Frazier was left alone in front of the net and notched the second UAF goal of the game.

UNO stopped the bleeding and denied Rogers the shutout in the third period. Scott Parse poked a loose puck past Rogers to make it 2-1 at the 4:39 minute mark. Thomas and Grimaldi picked up assists on the play. Within three minutes, the Mavericks tied the score. Jason Krischuk sent the puck to Brandon Scero, who had a one-on-one opportunity against Rogers. Scero netted the puck.

A costly penalty sent Betts to the penalty box with a five-minute major and game misconduct for checking from behind. Less than a minute after the UAF power play started, Kelly Czuy tapped in a rebound, scoring the tie-breaking goal at the 9:19 minute mark.

The Mavericks out shot UAF 38-27 in the game. UNO killed off 7-of-8 power play chances but were 0-for-8 in man-advantage opportunities.

The Mavs (5-3-0, 3-3-0 CCHA) return home to take on Bowling Green on Friday and Saturday at the Qwest Center.



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not intended for children. Call 553-0800 for more information.

The Afghan Women on stage at Millard South High School Nov. 12-13

The TC Players will perform *The Afghan Women* on Nov. 12 and 13 at Millard South High School, 14905 Q St. The play, by William Mastrosimone, is set in post-Taliban Afghanistan. It follows an Afghan-American physician who

takes a stand against a warlord who plans to use orphanage children as human shields. The conflict draws three Afghan women in, and century-old principles are called into question. The special aspect of this play is that 100 percent of the ticket proceeds will go to the International Orphan Care in Afghanistan with the cost of the play's production underwritten by Omaha-area business partners. Call 612-0055 for more information.

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Meghan Pile sent a long high pass towards the goal and Ali Portell had was able to head it into the net to give UNO its first goal of the game at 36:14 into the first half.

Splitterger picked up her second shut out of her career with two saves. The UNO defense did help; Pile made a sliding save in front of the goal line when the Fighting Sioux caught the Mavericks on their toes in

the second half.

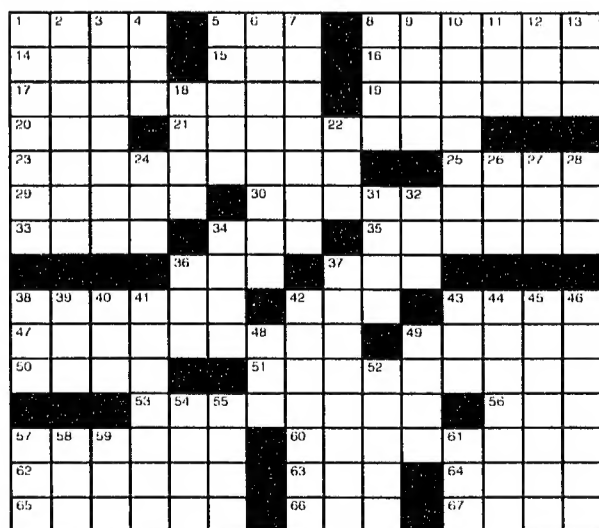
Beale gave UNO its go ahead goal with 5 minutes left in the game, off a long cross pass from Anne Willrett.

NCAA Regional play begins on Friday. The Mavericks (17-3-1) are currently ranked third in the latest NCAA Regional poll and will await Monday's announcement to see where they will be assigned.

Crossword

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- Practice punching
 - Network of "Nature"
 - Easily led
 - Jug handles
 - Holbrook or Roach
 - More boring
 - Spanish caverns
 - Spring bloomer
 - Block of paper
 - Three little words
 - Implicit hints
 - Retarding force
 - Edited film
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 - Florida island
 - Chairman's philosophy
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 - Canine
 - Seat for several
 - Pennsylvania city
 - Overwhelming fear
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 - Degradation
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 - Pebble Beach standard
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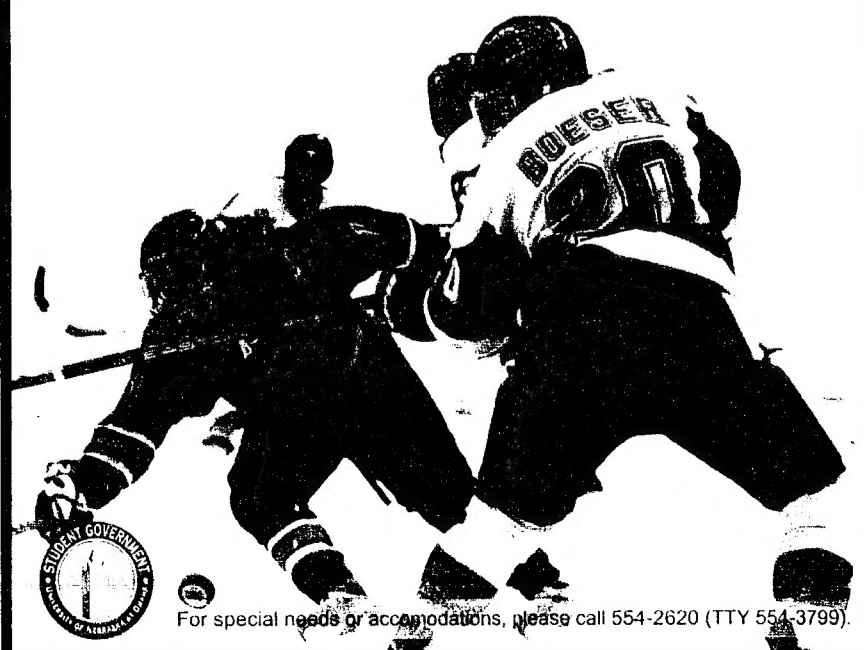
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FREE SHUTTLES for UNO students to the Friday, Nov. 12 and Saturday, Nov. 13 UNO vs. Bowling Green games

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Procrastination can present itself as a double-edged sword

We all know of someone, a friend or a classmate, who is always right on top of things. I'm talking about the person who turns in a paper *early*, the person who does major projects *little by little* rather than waiting until the last minute, the person who studies for a test a week or two *in advance*. I am not this person.

Ever since I high school, I have been a master procrastinator. I wait until the last possible minute to do everything. Unfortunately, when I get to this point in the semester, this practice tends to blow up in my face (As I sit here typing this column that needs to be turned in for deadline in 45 minutes).

For some reason or another, I always seem to find something else I'd rather do than schoolwork (If you're anything like me, you know that isn't hard to do). Several things factor into my procrastination process.

First of all, I really prefer sleeping to doing schoolwork. For the last couple of semesters, I have left at least an hour in between my classes (I thought I could use this time to do some homework here and there, but I was just lying to myself). For some unknown reason, opening a textbook and reading a few

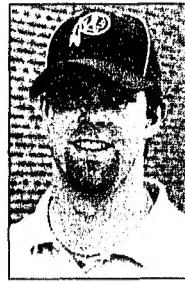
lines causes me to fall soundly asleep.

Secondly, I would almost always rather watch TV than do homework, and that often happens. (I only get channels 3, 6, 7, 12, 15 and 42, but more times than not, what's on TV is more exciting than reading chapter 3 in *Groping for Ethics in Journalism*). Besides, I detest coming home from work after an eight-hour day and sitting down for some quality schoolwork.

But there's one thing that really holds me up from getting things accomplished in the fall semester: football. I'm sure I'm not the only one, but I hardly ever get anything done on Sundays. When the NFL goes into hibernation after the Super Bowl, so do I.

I really don't like to watch most of the other sports, so I have to take in as much as I can between September and January (I don't even try to take a class on Monday night during the fall).

The Weekly Rant



Andrew Crnic

Typically, I have no problems related to my practice of waiting till the last minute. I said *typically*, but it does happen.

Letting my skills shine through, I can even wait to do something when the professor takes measures to, in their words, *thwart* procrastination (Journal checkups don't phase me. Without a doubt, I will wait until the last minute).

As the semester gets closer to completion (I think it's week 10 or 11), the reality of what I have done to myself has come to light. At the beginning of this fall, I believe I went about five weeks doing very little in most of my classes. I began to wonder how I'd gone so long without doing anything in all of my classes. About this time I found out that I should have been keeping an Election coverage journal in my news editing class. I kept nothing. Now, an enormous conundrum has evolved. I have to cover two newspapers three times a week for this journal. Let me tell you, I thought it would be easy

enough to do all of them at the end, but it takes a long time to read three months worth of newspapers.

I suppose now is the time where I give my advice on this theory of procrastination. I've been practicing it for the better part of the last six years (which is probably why I'm still here in school), and feel I am something of an expert.

It doesn't work all that well.

Best case scenario is, everything gets done, albeit at a level below what you are capable of. Another scenario is, no other option exists but to withdraw (if you still have time). The absolute worst case is you fail (which is the fate that awaits you if you wanted to withdraw from something and didn't, because the deadline was last Friday, Nov. 5).

I have seen the results of all three scenarios in my 6 years in the university system.

So, if you're like me and can't seem to get things done early (or sometimes not at all), at least make sure you know when the last day to withdraw is, because a W looks slightly better than an F on a report card.

Power of Porn an insult to UNO students' intelligence, part II

For last Tuesday's issue, we took a discerning look at the "Power of Porn" presentation that came to UNO a few weeks ago. We examined ex-pastor, ex-porn addict and attempted rapist Gene McConnell's argument that pornography leads people down a path of treachery, addiction and ultimate evil. I hope some of you were paying attention, because I can only devote so many column inches to denouncing this guy's absurd claims.

Now we'll move on to Kimberly Drake's (an ex-stripper and ex coke-addict) lecture at the presentation, which immediately followed McConnell's.

Drake got behind the lectern and was visibly morose from the get-go. She told us the story of how her marriage began to fall apart after she caught her husband masturbating to the Playboy Channel. She explains how this "devastated" her, and that she never felt like she was good enough for any of the men in her life.

And so she did what any woman would do to gain her husband's respect: she got a job as a stripper, began drinking and snorting coke and brought other people home to her and her husband's bed.

Give me a break.

All of this depravity (actually that's a relative term) just because you caught your husband jerking off to porn?! Okay, I've got to clear this up for all you women once and for all: MEN STILL MASTURBATE EVEN WHEN THEY ARE IN A RELATIONSHIP.

Of course I can't speak for *all* men; just the ones I know—which is a ton, all of whom masturbate on regular basis, even when they are engaged in healthy relationships.

Believe it or not, guys often differentiate masturbating and sex. It's like apples and oranges. One isn't always a substitute for the other.

Anyway, let's continue with Drake's spiral down the abyss of sin and decadence. Apparently her stripping began as a result of winning \$50 in an amateur contest. Drake said the owners of the establishment told her that "she was the most beautiful woman they'd ever seen." And so like *any* woman would—right?—she bought it and signed on as a stripper.

She said that she felt like a piece of meat; like men were constantly objectifying her and measuring her worth as a person solely on how big of an erection she could give them. This is one of the oldest arguments against the sex industry, and one of the most absurd. *Sexism* degrades women, not sex. Sexism is very much a problem in our society, but it's one that's fueled by political and socio-economic factors, not sex.

It's also acceptable to assume that this "objectification" argument is completely illogical. Objects do not possess sexuality; only living beings do. A woman is her body as much as her mind and spirit. As far as fixating on one particular facet of a woman, I don't see the problem. What if I fixated on a woman's mind to the extent that I abandoned all attention to her body? Would this be degrading? Why must it be degrading to focus on a woman's physical sexuality?

Believe it or not, many feminists are proponents of porn. Wendy McElroy is perhaps the most famous in her view that both men and women should celebrate their sexuality, not hide it under social taboos that, in turn, corrupt it.

Drake also argues that the sex industry took advantage of her and continues to harm many other women as

Manic Digression



Josh Bashara

well. Every industry has its abuses, though, and while I'm quite certain that the porn industry isn't exempt, I also know that similar abuse and sexism is exhibited in doctor's offices, police stations, retail businesses, etc.... It's an asinine generalization to propose that the sex industry—above all other industries—causes absolute harm to its workers.

While Drake said that she takes full responsibilities for her actions, she also said that she believes porn was an "ingredient in the choices I made."

You know what? I'll give her that. Some people in this world are more susceptible to outside influence than others. But that's a personality flaw that can stem from a variety of factors from childhood upbringing to low self-esteem. Pointing the finger at porn as a responsible party is shirking the real issue, which is much closer to home.

Drake said that she eventually escaped her reckless lifestyle and moved away from Salt Lake City, Utah to "get away from the coke." This statement epitomizes the blame-shifting mentality that Drake fosters. If you have to move out of Salt Lake City—one of the most conservative cities in the country—to get away from the drugs, then I don't necessarily think it's the blow that's looking for you; it's you that's looking for the blow.

After Drake concluded her sermon, McConnell took the stage one last time in an effort to deliver a final blow against porn. He brought up child pornography in an attempt to associate the crime of abuse with legitimate porn in the minds of the audience. It was clear at this point—to anyone with an

ounce of intellect—that he was simply trying to reinforce his argument against porn by connecting it with child porn, which really has nothing to do with pornography at all. It's child abuse, plain and simple.

He then barraged the audience with a series of images from a cartoon called "Chester the Molester," which is a cartoon strip featuring methods to seduce young children that gained infamy within the pages of *Hustler*.

"When you say porn is cool," McConnell said, "you're taking that in with everything, including these cartoons."

It was at this point that I had to bite my lip to keep myself from standing up and crying foul. I just couldn't believe the audacity of this self-righteous prick, who was actually standing up in front of a couple hundred college students and telling them that if they want to enjoy porn, they have to accept themselves as instigators of child abuse.

In his closing statements, he slapped some silly PowerPoint diagram up onscreen and prattled on about "fear of abandonment" and "loneliness" as reasons why people enjoy porn.

He told the crowd that while a man can always masturbate to porn, "he's still going to be alone after he's done."

Yeah, well that's the whole point of it, McConnell. It's an autonomous act of self-stimulation and sexual gratification. Millions of people actually *enjoy* masturbating to porn. Not everyone is like you, McConnell. Not everyone uses pornography as a substitute for rape, or as an outlet for misogyny. Not everyone jerks off in shallow attempt of desired companionship. Not everyone hates themselves for it.

And not everyone is trying to redeem their faults in life by imposing false morality on everyone else.

Plenty of lessons can be learned from losing

Now, before anybody starts, I'm still conservative, still a Republican, and still hated by several critics (Oops, can't say that).

But, I've got something to say to Senator John Kerry. Look, I didn't vote for you, your take on issues and mine don't exactly match. But, sir, what you showed during the concession speech last Wednesday was truly admirable, and something many should learn.

This lesson is about how to lose with dignity.

I know, that speech was probably one of the hardest you've had to make. It's tough to admit you've lost. But, the way you handled it, from the phone call to your speech, was admirable.

I actually watched Sen. Kerry's concession speech, and it reminded me about something on a card that I own that says, "We learn little in victory, much in defeat." It's a cruel lesson, much like the title of that card, "Cruel Lesson," but how can we learn more in defeat than in victory? Allow me to explain.

Everybody wants to win. To many, winning is everything. An example: the Nebraska Cornhusker fans. To them, their team has to win every single game. They can't tolerate failure. Don't believe me? Just watch the next few games (I think they're due for another

loss). Wait for a loss, then watch the reaction of the fans afterwards. You'll see what I mean.

But what does winning get you? Prizes? Notoriety? The eye of someone you love? In reality, not much. Sure, you feel on top of the world, but when someone beats you, you lose it all, and the guy who trounced you gets it. But, there's a lot you can learn from a loss, and some form of a reward.

First off, a defeat teaches you things about yourself. It's basically learning from your mistakes. Reviewing your mistakes from this event will help keep you from making the same mistakes again. If you win, you can learn about some mistakes, but the taste of victory is so sweet, you don't really learn much.

Second off, it's easy to make it to the top of the heap. The toughest part is staying up there. Listen, anybody can beat anybody, if things fall the right way. But the hardest part is being able to do it again and again. I really can't find an example of this, but I hope you understand.

And third, and I did mention a reward, if you lose, you don't have

As Far As I'm Concerned



Matthew Lytle

anything to worry about. I'll give you an example. Let's say your team is in the playoffs, but you lose your playoff game. Yeah, I know, you lost your chance for the championship. But, unlike the winners, you don't have to do anything for the rest of the season. You don't have to worry about the competition you'll have to face. It's just a sigh of relief.

In John Kerry's case, he will most likely take a good, hard look at those he associates himself with. He can be great, but if you associate yourself with the wacky Hollywood "know-it-alls" (an actor who thinks that his/her notoriety makes them instant political science doctor), you might as well kiss the presidency goodbye. He will also rethink his strategy, how he does or says things. Armchair quarterbacking can be good, but when you're the President, you're the one making the big decisions, and your ways of thinking change. And third, he won't have to deal with what Bush will have to continue with. The Iraq War (which we are winning, by the way), health care, and social security would've been

things Kerry would have to deal with had he won. But, since he didn't win, he really won't have to deal with it, just worry about the bills President Bush will send to him in the Senate regarding these issues.

Also, I want to send out my congratulations to President Bush for the win, and wish him good luck for the next four years. They're going to be tough, but I think he'll be able to handle them.

So, to conclude, for John Kerry, though I don't exactly agree with you, I applaud you for your honorable actions that you made on Nov. 3. They say that respect is one of the toughest things to earn from someone, but Senator, you have my respect. And trust me, that is tough to earn—

especially from a conservative, Republican college writer.

I do expect some negative feedback for this, most likely from both sides of the coin. But, think about this: If John Kerry hadn't conceded, every single news outlet, Fox News, CNN, everybody, would be talking about the election day in, day out. Now, aren't you glad it ended on Nov. 3 instead of sometime in December?

Out of touch with mainstream America

Do not despair. There is reason to celebrate!

Within days of the election, I got word of meetings taking place in coffee houses and in people's homes to continue organizing against the Bush Family Dynasty's attack on truth, civil liberties and human lives around the world. I'm not so certain this would have happened had John Kerry won, so I consider that an important victory for the people and our future.

Bush is a criminal, but Kerry was no real choice for progressives worried about the rightward shift in our country. The Democratic National Committee continues to take us for granted to the detriment of the world.

People have often responded to my non-partisan criticisms by suggesting, "No one will listen to what you have to say; you are out of touch with mainstream America." How right they are — at least in the present — and I have never suggested otherwise. I view with pride my ability and desire to think independent of rhetoric and nationalist propaganda.

The fact is mainstream America is out of touch with itself.

Polls have consistently shown Americans do not trust George Bush to protect our economy, and though many of us know he sold out the good will we received from the world after September 11, he lied to get us into his deadly, never-ending wars, listing all the evidence becomes almost boring by sheer number of examples.

But mainstream America still voted for him.

The cover of a UK magazine, making note of the obvious, asked, "How dumb are they?"

But mainstream America has rarely been the Mecca of intelligent or humane choices.

It is the "mainstream" that bears responsibility for persecuting martyrs from Jesus to Martin Luther King Jr.

Mainstream America justified murdering Native Americans and enslaving human beings from Africa. Mainstream America believed it was okay to burn women alive at the stake for showing signs of witchcraft, and denied us the right to divorce abusive husbands and exercise fundamental rights over our own bodies. The mainstream kept black and white citizens divided and allowed Joseph McCarthy to publicly vilify American critics—the Bill of Rights be damned!

Bush was elected not for reasons of his policies, but for his Bible belt "morality." How many times have we all heard sentiments like "Bush just seems more down to Earth;" "Bush is more plainspoken;" "Bush is a war president;" "Bush seems more sincere about his religious beliefs." The list goes on, but the theme here is hardly policy based - it's as broad as it is vague. Bush has somehow made mainstream Americans believe he is a simple man of the people, which is quite remarkable given his privileged upbringing. Bush convinced just barely enough voters that he was just like them. How is this? Religion. Bush vocally denounces gay marriage and a woman's right to choose abortion. While some might argue that these are non-religious moral policies, Bush boasts that his religion guides his decisions, and so the two are firmly linked.

It is interesting to conclude from this that mainstream America wants a religious fundamentalist as president. Islamist and Muslim states that link their theology to their government are often ridiculed and criticized openly in this country: How ironic. And don't think that this bit of irony is lost on the rest of the world, because it clearly



Melanie Williams

isn't, as many of the contradictions of our government aren't.

Which brings me to a more important and universal point: mainstream Americans are out of touch with the rest of the world.

Those of us who will continue to fight can be heartened in our knowledge that we are not alone. The majority of people in the world agrees with us and depends on our resolve.

I have always preferred to look beyond our borders and hear our brothers and sisters — human beings who are ravaged by figures so corrupt, so heartless, the movie has not yet been made. The most natural thing in the world is to feel the fear and pain of others by only imagining how we would feel in the same situation. It's not hard. It's not weak. It's human. But Americans are numbed to such thoughts — raised to believe our race is superior and our good fortune deserved.

Why is this? Because the contradiction of a system that disparages the working class around the world while requiring its labor, taxes and resources cannot survive without encouraging nationalist rhetoric and mass ignorance, and people are kept understandably confused.

My grandmother, a devout, born-again Christian, exposed me to Bible stories as far back as I can remember. Stories about King Herod and how he ordered all the baby boys killed, hoping to protect his throne.

And how Jesus "loved the little children" and would sit with the poor (or as Rush sarcastically refers to "the pooooor" with his snide and

hateful whine).

So, perhaps my imagination was only expanding when Jesus visited me one night as I slept in my crib. All I remember was waking up and seeing him standing across the room, smiling at me. I stood up and watched him, in awe even as a toddler, as he walked toward me slowly, his hand outstretched. I was not afraid. He looked just like my grandmother's pictures of him (which, rationally, is not how Jesus would have looked in real life).

WWJD? If Jesus were alive today he would be accused of being "A girlie man," by Arnold Schwarzenegger or "unfit to protect us from the terrorists," by George W. Bush, or "a traitor to the soldiers," by Swift Boat Veterans "for Truth," because most certainly he would be protesting this war. He would also be pegged as a bleeding-heart liberal by Bill O'Reilly, before being told to "just shut up!"

Since the beginning of Bush's war, 100,000 innocent civilians have been killed in Iraq, not counting over 1,100 Americans. That's 33 World Trade Centers. How moral? How Christian? How evil?

But I guess if God blesses America, then it's okay for us. After all, we're special. How can God bless all people, anyway?

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Tues., Nov. 9th

7 am Catholic Campus Ministry
8:30 am Staff Advisory Council
10 am Native American Art/Culture
11 am Sexual Health Fair
11:30 am Library Book Club
11:30 am Music Department
11:30 am Christianity – Does it fit in Our Culture
12 noon FMLA
3 pm Delta Epsilon Chi
6 pm Davis Banquet
6 pm Ecoutez
6 pm Alpha Xi Delta
7 pm Alpha Xi Delta
7 pm NSSLHA
7 pm Amnesty International
7 pm Lambda Theta Nu
7:30 pm Greek Endeavor

Wed., Nov. 10th

7 am Campus Crusade
8 am Traffic Appeals
10 am Graduate School Fair
11:30 am Social Work Scholarship Association

12 noon CCSW
12 noon Special Education
12 noon American History Grant Meeting
12 noon ALAS
2 pm Faculty Senate
3 pm Pre Law Society
3 pm Jr. Panhellenic

Thurs., Nov. 11th

10 am Consider This . . .
10 am Student Affairs
12:15 pm Aviation Institute
1 pm Aviation Institute
2 pm Greek Life Task Force
3 pm Aviation Institute
5 pm Aviation Institute
6 pm Delta Sigma Pi
6 pm CNPC Graduation Dinner
7 pm Student Government

Fri., Nov. 12th

8:30 am Women of Color
8:30 am Youth Workshop
9 am Panhellenic
12 noon Interfraternity Council

12 noon AA
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6:30 pm Christ on Campus
6:30 pm Bahai Club

Sat., Nov. 13th

9 am Sigma Delta Pi
4:30 pm Alpha Xi Delta

Sun., Nov. 14th

2 pm Zeta Tau Alpha
2 pm Golden Key Induction
3 pm Muslim Student Association
3 pm Sigma Kappa
4 pm Sigma Kappa
4 pm Theta Chi
5 pm Lambda Chi Alpha
6 pm Student Gaming Organization
6 pm Sigma Lambda Beta
6:30 pm Theta Chi
7:30 pm Zeta Phi Beta

Mon., Nov. 15th

8 am Strategic Planning

12 noon AA
12 noon Master Success
12 noon The Grove
12 noon African American Organization
2:30 pm Muslim Student Organization
5 pm Chi Omega
7 pm ROSAS
8 pm Christian Student Fellowship
8 pm College Democrats
8:30 pm Circle K

Tues., Nov. 16th

7 am Catholic Campus Ministry
10 am International Studies
10:30 am Study Abroad
11 am Martial Arts & Self Defense
11:30 am Chancellor's Luncheon
12 noon FMLA
2 pm SAP User's Group
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